THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUMATI ORAON): (a) 3 per cent vacancies in Group C and D posts i.e. 1 per cent each for blind, deaf and orthopaedically handicapped in Central Government and comparable posts in Central Public undertakings have been reserved for physically handicapped persons. A relaxation in age requirement by ten years is also made for the handicapped.

(b) As per information furnished by Ministries/Departments and Central Public Sector undertakings, the following was the backlog of reserved vacancies in Group C and D posts as on 31.12.1987:—

	VH	HH	OH
		Group C	
Ministries/Departments/Attached and subordinate Offices	293	327	247
		Group D	
	214	232	97
	VH	HH	OH
		Group C	
Central Public Sector Undertakings	993	915	708
		Group D	
	511	523	452

(c) It is not possible for the Government to ensure that all qualified disabled persons are provided jobs in the Central Government Ministries/Departments and public Sector undertakings. Special Recruitment drive was recently undertaken for clearing the baklog of carried forward Vacancies of visual and hearing handicapped in Central Government offices in Delhi. A similar exercise is being undertaken in Central Government offices outside Delhi.

In addition to jobs in the public sector the handicapped will have to go in for self-employment ventures and vocations in the private sector.

Memorandum from Andhra Pradesh for Central Assistance for Drainage system

1783. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY:

PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh had submitted a detailed memorandum to the Central Government seeking central assistance for the improvement of the drainage system in Godavari Delta area in Krishna, East Godavari and West Godavari Districts of Andhra Pradesh to relieve the anxiety of the farmers whose paddy fields have been inundated due to heavy rains and floods and to enable them to raise new paddy crops; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what steps Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Central assistance to States affected by floods is provided for restoration of the flood damaged infrastructure, including irrigation and drainage systems to their pre-flood levels only.